FALL CONFERENCE
OF
STATE PARK SUPERINTENDENTS

November 13-17, 1972

Oconee State Park

Walhalla, South Carolina

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

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FROM: Raymond M. Sisk
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DATE: November 1, 1972

SUBJECT: FALL CONFERENCE OF STATE PARK SUPERINTENDENTS
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Attached are copies of the conference program, housing assignments and transportation schedules for our Fall Conference to be held November 13 - 17 at Oconee State Park.

Dress for the entire conference will be casual and informal. All meals for the duration of the conference (supper Monday through lunch Friday) have been arranged in advance and will be served at the lodge.

Please pick up your cabin keys at the Park Office upon arrival at the park. The lodge (restaurant) and meeting facilities are also located in the same building as the Park Office.

I am looking forward to being with you as we prepare for the 1973 season.

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Attachments

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1972

3:00 P. M. - 5:00 P. M.	Arrival & Check-in - Park Office
7:00 P. M.	Supper - Lodge

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1972

7:30 A. M. - 8:45 A. M.	Breakfast - Lodge
9:00 A. M. - 10:30 A. M.	Ray Sisk - Purpose of Meeting Introduction of Guests Bob Hickman - "Public Relations" John Hills - "American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration" Bill Marsh - "New State Park Concepts" Bill Lawrence - "Travel Survey" Bob Gunter - "Accurate Camping Receipts" Peggy Smith - "A Welcome from the Welcome Centers"
10:30 A. M. - 10:45 A. M.	Coffee Break
10:45 A. M. - 11:15 A. M.	Group photographs (Entire group & Districts)
11:15 A. M. - 12:30 P. M.	Ralph Rabon - "Fundamentals of Merchandising"
12:30 P. M. - 2:00 P. M.	Lunch - Lodge
2:00 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.	Janson Cox - "Archeology on State Parks" "Signing Program"
7:00 P. M.	Supper - Lodge

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1972

7:30 A. M. - 8:45 A. M.	Breakfast - Lodge
9:00 A. M. - 9:45 A. M.	Leonard Jones - "Requisition Procedures"
9:45 A. M. - 10:00 A. M.	Coffee Break
10:00 A. M. - 11:30 A. M.	Bob Papenfus - "Park Pests" "Gypsy Moths" - Dr. H. B. Jackson, Supervisor Plant Pest Regulatory Service Clemson University "Pine Bark Beetles" - Dr. R. C. Fox, Professor Department of Entomology & Economic Zoology Clemson University
11:30 A. M. - 12:00 Noon	Danny Turpin - "Theme Playgrounds and Programs for Small Parks"
12:00 Noon - 1:30 P. M.	Lunch - Lodge
1:30 P. M. - 3:00 P. M.	Crawford Keese - "Lawnmower Maintenance"
3:00 P. M. - 3:15 P. M.	Coffee Break
3:30 P. M. - 4:30 P. M.	Film - "Waste Treatment Plant Operation"
7:00 P. M.	Supper - Lodge

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1972

7:30 A. M. - 8:45 A. M.	Breakfast - Lodge
9:00 A. M. - 9:15 A. M.	Stan Brant - "Personnel Review Procedures"
	Joe Farrow - "New Park Plans"
	Pearce Thomson - "Dreher Island State Park"
	Buddy Jennings - "BOR Requirements"
	Ken Simmons - "Plant Care"
10:15 A. M. - 10:30 A. M.	Coffee Break
10:30 A. M. - 11:00 A. M.	Reports from District Superintendents
	Norman Cooler - District 1
	Oscar Kolb - District 2
	Bob Jones - District 3
11:00 A. M. - 12:00 Noon	Park Reports - District 1
	Norman Cooler, Moderator
12:00 Noon - 1:30 P. M.	Lunch - Lodge
1:30 P. M. - 2:00 P. M.	Crawford Keese & Joe Farrow - "Maintenance Training Program"
2:00 P. M. - 2:30 P. M.	Joe Frank Watson - "Field Purchase Orders"
	Dana Sawyer - "PARK LITES"
2:30 P. M. - 2:45 P. M.	Coffee Break
2:45 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.	Park Reports - District 2
	Oscar Kolb, Moderator
6:00 P. M. - 8:00 P. M.	Social Hour
8:00 P. M.	Banquet - Lodge

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1972

7:30 A. M. - 8:45 A. M.	Breakfast - Lodge
9:00 A. M. - 10:30 A. M.	Park Reports - District 3
	Bob Jones, Moderator
10:30 A. M. - 10:45 A. M.	Coffee Break
10:45 A. M. - 12:00 Noon	Discussion
	Adjournment of Meeting
12:00 Noon	Lunch - Lodge

1972 SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

Superintendents and staff personnel that attended the Fall Superintendents' Conference November 13 - 17 at Oconee State Park.

An informal chat during the coffee break. From left, Bob Papenfus, Chief Naturalist, South Carolina State Parks; Pete Spearman, Forester, South Carolina Forestry Commission; Dr. H. B. Jackson, Supervisor, Plant Pest Regulatory Service, Clemson University; Dr. R. C. Fox, Professor, Department of Entomology and Economic Zoology, Clemson University.

Dr. Jack Stephenson of Clemson University's Recreation and Park Administration Department with Jack K. Anderson, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

District Superintendent Oscar Kolb and Sesquicentennial Superintendent Jim Meadors. Jim received the annual "Scribe of the Year" award for the most outstanding job in submitting material for PARK LITES. The award was presented at the banquet November 16th by PRT Commission Chairman Dwight A. Holder and State Park Director Ray Sisk.

SERVICE AWARDS

Forty-two certificates of Service were awarded during the Fall Superintendents' Conference held November 13 - 17 at Oconee State Park. The superintendents, rangers and staff personnel qualifying for these awards ran up a staggering total of 611 years of service to the State of South Carolina in the fields of Forestry and State Parks.

The certificates were presented at a banquet November 16 by PRT Commission Chairman Dwight A. Holder and State Park Director Ray Sisk. Chairman Holder addressed the group briefly, and spoke enthusiastically concerning the future of South Carolina State Parks.

30 YEARS
Jesse T. Timms

25 YEARS
Robert G. Jones
Lorine W. Davis
Kenneth O. Kolb
L. R. Batten
Lloyd A. King
Clarence Doster
Eddie H. Miller
James E. Washington
David A. Thompson

20 YEARS
Van W. Pressley
Leroy L. Smith
Norman B. Cooler

15 YEARS
Raymond M. Sisk
Davis Inabinet
Beatrice A. Ross
Lee Chappells
Robert J. Turner
Arthur Brown

10 YEARS
Joe F. Watson
Marshall G. Waldt
Louise Browning
James B. Cothran
Thaddeus F. Barbie, Jr.
Louie W. Ridley

5 YEARS
Pearce Thomson
Ralph L. Schumpert
Jerry Wayne Timms
Larry E. Adair
Lee W. Jordan
Andrew S. Kennedy
Henry A. Harris
James E. Bynum
Cecil Honea
Louis M. Hall
James M. Meadors
August J. Krajcik
Joseph H. Watson

SPECIAL
William Wiggins, Jr. - 26 years
James Rinehart - 8 years
LaFon Norton - 26 years
James W. "Jake" Ray - 21 years

In addition to the above service awards, five-year certificates were presented to the following PRT Commission members at their December meeting: Dwight A. Holder, Chairman, Pickens; Robert R. Rigby, Vice-Chairman, Columbia; Charles E. Fraser, Hilton Head Island; E. A. Ramsaur, Greenville; H. W. Close, Fort Mill; Dr. Charles E. Lee, Director, South Carolina Department of Archives & History; John R. Tiller, State Forester, South Carolina State Froestry Commission; James W. Webb, Director, South Carolina Wildlife Resources. Also, Bob Hickman, Executive Director.

AIKEN STATE PARK

My family and I have been at Aiken since the middle of May. There were two major projects that were achieved on the park before we arrived.

The first of these projects was the renovation of the Superintendent's residence. The interior was completely remodeled with new paneling and linoleum downstairs and new cabinets in the kitchen.

The other major project was the paving of the roads throughout the park.

Davis Inabinet and I have recently built a new pump house at the cabin area, and we have been working at the bathhouse replacing rotten flooring and seals around the shower and commode area.

We have remodeled the Superintendent's residence by building a new back porch.

In the back yard of the Superintendent's residence is an old water tower. We have taken off the wiring and run it underground, so that it can be torn down. We have also replaced rusted water pipes from the well to the bathhouse.

A problem that we had during the summer was the erosion of the walkway at the bathhouse. To correct this problem, we dug the area out and put #9 gravel in the walk.

Projects that we will be working on in the near future are putting a privy in the primitive camping area, building a carport in the Superintendent's back yard, repairing the spillway in the swimming area, and building new columns at the entrance to the park.

JAMES TAYLOR, SUPERINTENDENT

ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK

A major project undertaken by the Highway Department that will improve the park entrance is in progress. Highway 521, where entrance is gained to the park, is being widened to four lanes. At the entrance deceleration lanes are being added to facilitate traffic entering and leaving the park. A new and attractive park entrance is planned for the final phase of construction.

We have painted the interior and exterior of the Superintendent's residence and have replaced the gutters and downspouts. The grounds around the residences have been seeded and a new drain fill has been constructed at the Superintendent's residence.

Work completed and in progress at the museum include the painting of the bedroom and the dining room, and the installation of an underground drain line for the sump pump in the basement of the museum. Ten display cases have been installed in the upstairs, and after the building is rewired they will be used to interpret the history of Andrew Jackson. In addition, the museum roof, as well as the office, shelter, pumphouse and restroom, are being re-shingled with split shakes.

Construction of the new campground and other projects is underway. The road leading to the campground has been completed and construction continues on the picnic area, shelter, dumping station and parking lot. The service road leading to the maintenance shop has been graveled and the park telephone lines have been placed underground. Concrete steps have been placed at the shelter and restroom

entrances.

The lake was opened for fishing and six paddle boats have been placed on the lake. Two new foot bridges have been placed on the nature trails and others have been repaired.

General park maintenance, when time allowed, included underbrushing, the assembling of twenty-five picnic tables, and the painting of all park signs.

LEW GRIFFIN, SUPERINTENDENT

BAKER CREEK STATE PARK

The Fall and Spring of the 1971-72 season were busy months as there was much maintenance and clean-up work to be done in preparation for the opening of the new pavilion and recreational facilities on June 1, 1972.

The Corps of Engineers supplied us with buoy markers to keep boats from entering the swimming area. Jim Rinehardt of Sadler's Creek helped us secure a floating diving platform, and the swimming area is to be roped off and two lifeguard chairs put in place. The area is beginning to take shape and sand has been spread on the beach.

A number of signs were erected, lettered, and painted to direct park visitors to the new facilities.

My crew and I spread gravel around the new carpet golf course, restroom, two new comfort stations and two sewage treatment plants, and grass was planted at the pavilion.

All the hard work paid off, as the visitors really enjoyed using the new facilities this summer. Our attendance and revenue figures were good considering it was our first season in operation.

The new 100 site camping area was ready for the fourth of July rush. The fifty (50) gallon water storage tank proved insufficient when sixty-five (65) campers began draining it. Something had to be done fast. The contractor was called back and a water line was run from the storage tank that supplies the old fifty (50) site area.

The old camping area stayed full most of the summer, as some of the regular campers prefer these choice waterfront sites. Problems were kept at a minimum with the sewage lines

stopping up being the most frequent complaint.

I have heard many compliments from campers regarding the new water spray system at the dumping station.

WAYNE TIMMS, SUPERINTENDENT

BARNWELL STATE PARK

A fishing pier and boat ramp has been added at Barnwell State Park. In addition, rondettes, bathhouses, recreation building, restrooms and showers in the camping area have all been equipped for the handicapped. Five picnic tables built for the handicapped have been placed at each cabin site. Ramps have been built around the cabins and up to the door at the recreation building. At the bathhouses a ramp has been installed down to the waterfront.

The floors have been sanded in the recreation building and new tile has been installed in the restrooms. A new dumping station has been added in the camping area. Number 2 shelter and the latrine have a new roof and the old restrooms and showers have had a new coat of paint.

Ten grills and twenty-five new picnic tables have been installed in the open air area.

New games for the cabin area have been added within the past year. Volley ball, soft ball, basketball and many other games have been played this summer, but the most popular sport in Barnwell State Park is still ping pong or table tennis. Classes for western square dances are being held in the recreation building. One class graduated (with diplomas) August 24, 1972. We are the Palmetto Squares.

Family reunions started in April and are still being held every Sunday in the recreation building. In fact, we have the largest reunion and barbeque of the year coming up Saturday, November 11, 1972.

BEA ROSS, SUPERINTENDENT

CHERAW STATE PARK

We repaired and in most cases completely rebuilt fourteen porches on the group camp buildings in Camp Forest and two porches on the family cabins. We have completed painting four of the family cabins sagebrush gray.

Our new campground and rest rooms were opened this summer and camping has increased in the park. We have also placed ten barbeque grills in the picnic area.

The dog kennels were braced and painted, and the field trials this year went very well with approximately 265 dogs entered.

Lake Juniper was drained this year so that it could be restocked, and while the lake was down we repaired the dock and started construction on a pedal boat dock capable of holding ten pedal boats.

Our recreation program this year was very successful. The program included hayrides, nature oriented slide shows and several square dances.

LARRY ADAIR, SUPERINTENDENT

CHESTER STATE PARK

We had a big year during 1972. We painted the Superintendent's and Ranger's residences, recreational building, shop, and the exterior and the interior of restrooms number one and two. We also replaced the commodes and tanks in these restrooms. In addition, we rewired the Ranger's house and also laid linoleum on the kitchen floor and added a storage room.

We opened a new camping area with twenty-five campsites and the campers are enjoying the extra room. Also opened was a new 28 target archery range.

A show area for horses was constructed with the help of the county who built a parking area for about 200 horse trailers, cleared underbrush, and built a road in the park. The horse arena was built for the 4-H and Young Farmer's clubs and it is considered the best in the State with the capacity to seat over 250 people.

We have had four horse shows this past summer, several family reunions and numerous picnickers.

CLARENCE DOSTER, SUPERINTENDENT

COLLETON WAYSIDE STATE PARK

This year saw some rather extensive repairs made to the Ranger's residence. The front porch was enclosed and converted into a dining room and office and the whole house was rewired by the Maintenance crew. I repaired, cleaned and painted the interior and exterior walls, treated for termites, installed formica on the kitchen counters and insulated the outside walls and ceiling. A contractor installed a new septic tank and drain lines. The garage and storage shed was also painted on the exterior, treated for termites and rewired.

The new twenty-five site campground was completed this summer and I repaired and installed the food chests, painted the water storage tank and placed picnic tables at each site.

Timberform and basketball equipment was installed in the playground area. I increased the size of the picnic area and cleaned and repainted all the barbeque grills.

The old restrooms were cleaned and painted on the interior and the exterior. The Maintenance crew installed new wiring at shelter number 2, and the sewerage treatment plant was tested and placed in operation.

JAMES STOCKMAN, RANGER

CROFT STATE PARK

Early spring was the most productive time at Croft, with the Construction crew working to complete twenty-five campsites for the State Campout held in May.

Other additions to the park were three attractive log buildings. These buildings are now in operation, one serving as contact and concession, one accomodating the exercise ring and one for group camping or indoor activities.

Helping to relieve the demand for more picnic shelters, in late summer one additional shelter was erected, giving Croft three now in use.

Summer was the completion date for all Timberform playground equipment, thus giving Croft a total of six units. With the installation of a dump station our fifty campsites are now complete.

We built a back porch for the Superintendent's house, a front porch for the Ranger's trailer, a loading ramp at the maintenance shop and three gates to close off unused roads.

The maintenance work included clearing and grading for the above facilities and the following:

1. Painting of all signs to the new blue and white colors.
2. Repairing emergency spillway damaged by Hurricane Agnes.
3. Maintenance of the exercise ring for 15 horse shows.
4. Repairing underground electrical line in old camping area.
5. Filled in washes and seeded same in all areas.
6. Cleared and removed fallen trees on the bridal trail.
7. Repaired fiberglass pedal boats.
8. Installed sewage, water and electrical lines to Ranger's trailer.

9. Repaired water leak at the Superintendent's house.

10. Added approximately ten more acres for required mowing.

Nature trails are plentiful at Croft State Park, with trails leading in all directions. Our sixteen miles of bridal trails also substitutes for our nature and motorcycle trails.

Our recreational programs consisted of boating, fishing, and something new this year is "Bird Watching". So far no one has found the "Bird of Paradise."

RAY E. HAYS, SUPERINTENDENT

DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK

Campground construction has begun and the campsites located on the first island have been cleared (stumped), to enable the Construction crews to begin work. Roads to the Ranger's residence and the Superintendent's residence have been cleared. One six (6) inch well was drilled to a depth of three hundred (300) feet, and produced approximately twelve (12) gallons per minute.

The nature trail was widened and cleared during the spring and trail signs were erected. The signs were made up by the Chief Naturalist, Bob Papenfus. Signs prohibiting the use of metal detecting devices on the park were placed throughout the island.

The telephone cable for the island has been buried to a point just across the bridge and terminated at the end of the guard rails.

For six weeks we had the use of five Neighborhood Youth Corps personnel. They cleared the campsites and performed general maintenance work on the park. Also, for six weeks we had the help of two A-2 personnel to help clear the road sites to the construction areas.

On October 4, 1972, eight officers and one hundred eighty seven enlisted men from the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N. C. arrived at Dreher Island with the mission to clear the island of practice bombs dropped during World War II. They completed the job in less than three weeks - an outstanding performance.

The boats were needed frequently by the planners for sur-

veying and diving for currents in the lake to locate water and sanitation systems.

WALLACE W. BROCK, RANGER

EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK

The increase in attendance and revenue over the previous year has been substantial. The reason for this increase, I believe, can be traced to the fact that we stopped the picnickers from coming into the camping area and taking the choice spots.

We opened two of our new restrooms this year, one in the picnic area and one in the camping area. The main trunk line electrical cable was buried from the entrance of the park through the camping area. Another new addition was a new picnic shelter which saw lots of use this summer.

We painted the exterior of one of the cabins and the interior of others. We also painted the bathhouse inside and out, and also the two old restrooms. We repaired two or three breaks in the main water line and two in the sewer lines. We dug three new septic tank drain fields to replace the old ones that were clogged.

M. G. WALDT, SUPERINTENDENT

GIVHANS FERRY

Being new here I don't know a lot about what kind of year Givhans Ferry has had. Looking through some of the old records it appears that the park has had a good season, except for the tragic drowning of Ranger Sylvester Walker, and the untimely death of Superintendent William Wiggins, Jr.

The new 25 unit camping area was opened during the summer, and being a camper myself, I think it is a beautiful layout. The campers we have had since I have been here have expressed their approval.

One of the most important projects in our winter work program is the installation of a chain-link fence along the high, steep banks of the Edisto River, from the recreation building to picnic shelter #1.

Buddy Batten, Leonard Jones, Charlie Walters and the C.E.P. crew did a fantastic job demolishing the old Superintendent's residence.

Charlie Walters will take the riprap from the wreck site to the badly eroded terrain of the swimming area and cover it with soil. Grass will then be sowed in an effort to stop erosion and improve the overall appearance of the park.

Other projects in our winter work program included painting the Superintendent's residence, cleaning and repairing the gutters and screens on the cabins, painting shelter number 1, adding 50 feet of drain field at the Superintendent's residence, and an attempt with the help of Mr. Cooler, and the county delegation, to get the park roads paved.

HARRY G. FARR, SUPERINTENDENT

GREENWOOD STATE PARK

Greenwood State Park had a total of 165 campsites open to the public this year, as 100 new sites were completed and in use with four comfort stations located in the new camping area.

The recreation building was wired this year and used each Saturday night for square dances, as well as club meetings by the camping clubs. Each Sunday morning we held church services in the recreation building. Rainy days found the campers using the recreation building for ping pong games, record sessions, checkers, etc.

A new nature trail was cut this past spring in the new camping area. Many of the campers enjoyed walking the trail, as well as the trail in the old camping area.

We added playground equipment in the new camping area, and this equipment was enjoyed by children from both camping areas.

Greenwood has two new dump stations and many of our campers were centainly pleased to find the dump stations complete and in use this year.

Twelve sites have been set aside in the old camping area which can be reserved by camping clubs. Most campers thought this was a great idea as reserving these sites assured the club members of being together.

This year we rented bicycles for the first time. I think renting bicycles is a great idea, and I'd like to see Greenwood have a bike trail.

Some of the activities enjoyed by the campers at Greenwood were horseshoe tournaments, square dances, softball, volleyball,

and basketball - these were enjoyed by all age groups. The younger children enjoyed litterbug hunts, water football, carpet golf tournaments, and the nature trail hikes identifying different objects along the trails.

July 4th found campers, as well as others from the nearby towns of Ninety-Six, Greenwood, Saluda and Newberry, at the park enjoying the greased pole climb, water balloons, egg tossing contest, and the sack races. The activities began at 10:00 a.m. and ended with a square dance at 7:00 p.m.

The Rangers and I painted all the restrooms on the inside with the exception of the comfort stations. We roofed the privies and did other necessary work. We roofed the two Ranger's residences. We replaced all the bathroom fixtures in the Superintendent's residence, painted the bathroom and kitchen and put linoleum in the bathroom. The joists were replaced at the Superintendent's residence, the side porch was remodeled and broken tile was put down on the porch floor.

The carpet golf was painted and all carpet replaced and the Rangers and I underbrushed the new camping area.

MARSHALL BRUCKE, SUPERINTENDENT

HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK

January of 1972 began with putting a new roof on cabin number 3 and the Superintendent's residence. A new room was added to cabins number 4 and 8, and a well replaced at cabins number 3 and 11. Drain fields were repaired at cabins number 2, 7 and 12. General repairs were made on all the cabins throughout the year.

The Trading Post opened with great success. Campers and cabin users found it most convenient.

The Lighthouse, along with the Lighthouse Trail, is still a very popular attraction and the carpet golf had a lot of use. The dredge lagoon is a great attraction to all of our park visitors because of the year round fishing. Fifteen loads of riprap were placed at the lagoon to stop erosion.

The recreation programs proved to be a great success during the summer months. Both young and old took part in the games and programs that were planned. The campground had a booming business throughout the year. New numbers were erected on each site and all dead trees were cut and removed from the campground.

Our missionaries for the summer were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Austin. They held services on Sunday and several programs throughout the week. Also, St. Helena Baptist Church held Easter Sunrise Service at the campground along with additional services during the summer.

Construction is underway on the recreation and assembly building and should soon be completed. Roads and campsites

have been staked out for additional campground areas. Plans are underway for the summer personnel quarters and a fishing pier in the dredge lagoon. A crab dock will be built in Johnson's Creek and a two and six-tenth mile asphalt bike trail to the south end of the island is planned.

Hunting Island has had a very busy but successful year.

TILLMAN A. ERWIN, SUPERINTENDENT

HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

Huntington Beach has had several new construction projects and facility improvements this past year. Camping has been increased by a new area of 75 sites and two comfort stations. The campsites are complete with water and electrical hookups, food chests, barbeque grills, and picnic tables. Two foot bridges have been constructed across the canal leading to the beach. A new change house, near the beach, has been built and the picnic area has been expanded with the addition of 20 barbeque grills, 25 picnic tables, and Timberform playground equipment. Chain-link fence has been installed at the "Gator Hole" and new carpet has been placed on the carpet golf course.

Maintenance at the old campground included the erection of new site numbers, underbrushing and pruning, rebuilding the road surface with coquina, and painting the interior of both restrooms. In addition, the roof of the Superintendent's residence was repaired and fiberglass panels were installed to cover a hole in the roof on the back porch. We installed air conditioners, repaired the hot water heater and plumbing, pruned hedges and trees at the Ranger's residence. We also repaired the septic tank and field line at comfort station number 1, in the campground. At the concession stand we removed the concrete slab in front of the office and filled in the area with gravel. Finally, we added fifty feet of drain field to each restroom in the picnic area.

Our nature program included nature walks on the park and Brookgreen Gardens, color slide shows and alligator feeding.

For recreation, movies were shown two nights a week and volley ball and other sports were enjoyed by many.

LEE W. JORDEN, SUPERINTENDENT

KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

This report of the activities covers a period from December, 1971 through November 1, 1972. It is divided into four categories: New facilities, maintenance, summer programs and a general summary.

Many new facilities have been constructed and placed in operation at Kings Mountain State Park. A sixty stall stable with tack and feed rooms was constructed. Also, available in the stable area are concrete washing pads and a small parking lot for cars and trailers.

In the group camps, two new docks were constructed in the swimming area.

With the delivery of a log cabin designed building, a Trading Post was erected in the new camping area. The exterior is authentic logs and the interior has all the modern conveniences. Yet, the past was not forgotten with the arrangement of antiques along the walls. It truly represents the past when Trading Posts were the "way of life."

The original park store was converted into a Nature Center. The interior was gutted and a complete face lifting was given to it. Display cases were arranged around the walls and one area has an aquatic display.

A new picnic area was constructed with a restroom, three shelters, grills and tables, and also, a parking area was added.

Near the Trading Post a restroom was converted into a washerette. Two washers and one dryer were installed.

As this report is being written, the final phase of a seventy-five site camping area, three comfort stations, two dumping stations and a new water system is being tied into the present system. This will give Kings Mountain 130 campsites.

A facility that was completed in the fall of 1971 was a pedal boat dock. It was constructed in the swimming area to accomodate five boats.

The major portion of winter maintenance work was expended in the two group camps. This work was divided into two classifications: minor and major repair.

Under minor repair, all cabin screens were repaired or replaced. All beds were inspected and repaired as needed. At this time, all general ground maintenance was done.

Major repairs were the replacement of rotten wood work, porches, sills and posts. The shower house in Camp Cherokee was remodeled and painted. Both mess halls were painted, and the gas ranges were dismantled, cleaned, painted and reassembled.

The renovation of C-area restroom was contracted. This work included ceramic tile installed around the lavatories and shower stalls. Park personnel removed the plumbing and electrical fixtures and installed same when work was completed on the tile. The inside of the building was painted.

All five pedal boats were repaired and put in serviceable condition. These went into operation in April.

The carpet golf course had its face lifted. With the removal of the old carpet, new carpet was installed on the eighteen holes. Final touch-up included painting.

A concrete porch was poured for the Ranger's mobile home. Also, a marque was installed over the porch. With the delivery of a second mobile home residence, park personnel did the service connections - electrical, plumbing, heat and septic tank hookup.

Approximately four hundred trees were planted along the park roadway. There were a variety of seedlings planted such as dogwood, cedar, spruce and pines.

In late May the park personnel sprayed Lake Crawford swimming area for the treatment of algae.

In October all buildings were winterized. These include two group camps, bathhouse, and restrooms in the picnic area and campground. There is one exception. Circle C restroom which contains heat remains open for the winter campers.

Under normal maintenance procedures, repairs are made to buildings and equipment that cannot be made during the summer rush. Dead and fallen trees were cleaned out. Due to an increase in the Southern beetle damage to pine trees this year, several bids were let to clear these infested trees. Some of this work is still going on.

The programs and operations this summer were in full swing. Both group camps were put into service in March with limited weekend use. After the first of June, both camps were in constant use. With the exception of a few minor problems such as mechanical failure of some appliances and summer storm damage, the over-all operation in the camps was good.

The pedal boats were put into service around the first of April. Usage ran high on the weekends. Docking facilities helped hold down repairs.

Carpet golf was opened on weekends in April. The course has attracted many golfers all summer and early autumn.

With warm weather and the official opening of summer in the park, the bathhouse, concession stand and swimming area were opened to the public. The swimming area had been sprayed

for the elimination of aquatic weeds. The increase in swimmers proved this project worthwhile. The concession stand in this area had for sale hot sandwiches, cold drinks, ice cream and souveniers. The revenue receipts shows its popularity.

There were some problems that arose during the first few weeks of the summer in the operation of the bathhouse and swimming area. But these difficulties were overcome and the season in this area was successful.

The recreation season was in full swing with the opening of the Trading Post and the overflowing of the campground. The Trading Post became a focal point in the park. It's not limited to campers only. The day-use people found it a place to rest and browse among the antiques. The merchandise in the store is geared to every one's taste (bubble gum to chewing tobacco).

In summation, since it is rather hard to enumerate all of the activities of the past year in one report, only the main points were brought out. With the addition of new facilities and plans for future development, the ever increasing need for recreation areas will be met. As the new developments are completed, a continuous program of planned maintenance will keep the present facilities in order for the park visitors.

LEE STATE PARK

Our overall program at Lee this past year has been good. The new recreational facilities and programs were well received. A volley ball court and basketball court, along with horse shoe pits, and Timberform playground equipment have been installed in the camping area. This new equipment was used a great deal. Perhaps the addition of a softball diamond and a shuffle board for the older citizens would be received equally as well.

This past year a new 25 site camping area and a new comfort station was constructed. We also have a new rest station in the picnic area. A new water system was put in the picnic area to serve the bathhouse, picnic area and the community building. We have two new flowing wells feeding the lake which kept our water supply there up all summer. All of these things have brought favorable comment. One other flowing well needs to be reworked to give us the needed water and a better looking area across from the bathhouse. We also have a basketball court over there which gets very good use. We need to open up this area to give us the space we are going to need when I-20 opens up.

We have painted the outside of the bathhouse and are now in the process of painting the inside. We are putting plywood on the walls of the office to cover the exposed studs. We also have painted the Ranger's residence. Considerable work was done in the cleaning up and clearing of the new camping area. Bringing in top soil by the Highway Department for the area around the new Superintendent's residence has helped the looks of things there. We put together 50 new picnic tables for the camping area and the picnic area. Rock forms were built around the new flowing wells from rock found in the woods and they look real good.

The nature trail and auto trail on the Loop Road got real good use. Girl and Boy Scouts, as well as garden clubs, came from different communities just to use this facility. Field Day '72 brought out a very good crowd of about 2,200 in all. Games and supervised recreation were enjoyed by all who came out. We hope to make this an annual event with the cooperation of the local radio station and newspaper.

We had one company picnic, their second annual, that brought out about 1,500 people. This was a well organized program and they think it will grow as we go on. One other company picnic brought out 350 people. This was their first but they liked what they saw and plan to make it an annual event.

Several large family reunions of about 200 to 300 people are held each year at the community building and shelters. We are getting more use of the day use area because of the play equipment, as it gives the people something to do besides swim.

We have enjoyed this last year at Lee and hope to see it continue to grow.

VAN PRESSLEY, SUPERINTENDENT

LITTLE PEE DEE STATE PARK

Little Pee Dee had a very successful season with new development, more people, and more revenue than ever before. New development in the park included twenty-five additional campsites - complete with a playground. A playground in the picnic area has also been constructed and the parking lot has been extended by 100 feet. In addition, a new dumping station and a garbage disposal ditch were constructed, and three miles of nature trails are under construction.

This year we painted the interior of the Ranger's residence, fishing boats, and we did some touch up painting to the restrooms and bathhouse. All picnic tables, with the exception of those tables in the new campground, have been sanded and varnished. Repairs were made to the emergency spillway, pleasure boats, and to the restrooms and bathhouse where they were needed. We brushed out and plowed all the firebreaks, and cut over fifteen cords of scrub oak away from the pines. Routine maintenance work proceeded as usual when weather and time permitted.

This summer we had nine baptizings in the Little Pee Dee and services were held every Sunday at the large shelter by a speaker from the First Baptist Church in Dillon. We had twenty-three family reunions, and numerous picnickers. There were seventeen rescues by lifeguards. Three talks were given to civic clubs in the local community.

LAFON NORTON, SUPERINTENDENT

A NOTE TO ALL:

May I take this opportunity to bid all of you a fond

farewell since I am leaving the Department on January 1st. It has always been my feeling that when the time arrived that I could no longer do the work required to keep and maintain a clean and wholesome park, then it was time to retire, and I am so doing.

I regret that I cannot be with you here but due to circumstances beyond my control, deemed it necessary not to try to attend. I shall miss everyone and hope you will drop by and see us when near Dillon.

It has been a very great pleasure to have helped develop and operate the Little Pee Dee State Park from the very beginning and another great pleasure to see so many thousands use and enjoy it.

In leaving I wish you all the very best. Keep up the good work and may God bless, guide and direct you.

MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK

Our 1972 season at Myrtle Beach State Park has been a successful one. Even though we have had quite a turnover in our permanent and A-2 personnel, all the operations seemed to go along smoothly. I wish to thank each one that stuck it out because without their hard work and long hours the operation would not have been nearly as successful.

All five cabins were remodeled by contractors and electric heaters were installed in two of them. On cabin number 2 the shower was moved upstairs. The cabins that still have a downstairs shower also have electric heat in the shower. New cabinets and sinks were installed in the kitchen and celotex on the living room ceilings. The porches were refloored where needed and new screens installed. All of the showers were remodeled using ceramic tile on the floors and walls. The exterior and interior of the cabins were painted by the park crew.

We painted all of the shelters with the new pastel colors. Along with the help of Lloyd King and the park crew, water and electricity were run to the beach shelters and the one on the hill. This encouraged a lot of night use for family reunions and company picnics.

Part of the remodeling of the fishing pier began. A new roof was put on the pavilion and one of the porches extended. New mercury vapor lights were installed and the fisherman could see what they were catching at night.

We also had quartz lights installed at our carpet golf. The old ones would never work because of the corrosion caused by the salty, damp air.

The swimming pool was kept open for night use this year. All the lights in the bottom of the pool were rewired. The lifeguard chair was relocated and a new diving board was installed. All of these improvements helped in the use of the pool this season.

Our gate was kept open until 12 midnight this year. This really satisfied our campers, young and old, because most of the night activities on the Strand are not over by 10 p.m.

The nature center was enjoyed by everyone. They enjoyed the different exhibits showing flora and fauna of our area. On rainy days the children enjoyed the games provided for them. Our Naturalist and Recreator did a good job keeping the campers involved in programs. One of the most popular programs was the tour of the Air Force Base. The ping pong tables, which were added this year, had heavy use every day. The Timberform which was erected in the camping area had children playing on it until 10 p.m. each night.

Again, I would like to say that without good permanent and A-2 personnel, and a lot of cooperation from our Columbia office staff, I don't think any park can operate smoothly. We have truly had a great season, and I thank each one who had a part in making it successful.

ROBERT J. TURNER, SUPERINTENDENT

OCONEE STATE PARK

At Oconee we again witnessed an increase in the use of all areas of the park. This year was the fourth year of increase and was the largest yet.

We had a good year - we had no loss of life by accident, nor did we have any real bad accidents.

In camping we had a big increase. Two years ago when we opened the 100 new campsites, I thought the 4th of July would be the only time we would fill the campground. This summer the campground was almost full by Thursday night, and always full by Friday night. Another example of the tremendous increase in camping is the fact that six years ago we had 13 campsites and that was all we needed. Now we have 140 campsites and this is not enough on the weekends.

There are many reasons for this increase, but the fact is that if a person does not like what he sees, or does not enjoy the park, then he is not coming back. We have been fortunate in receiving these people back, along with their friends, and along with them the many hundreds of people that are just now finding out about state parks. Put all of these factors together and they spell a capacity crowd, especially on the weekends. Some other things, I believe, that really entice people to the parks are:

1. Clean Areas - we cannot say enough about this, especially in the area of restrooms.

2. Planned recreation and nature programs - without a doubt the programs here at Oconee have pulled the people in and held them for a week

at a time and then brought them back.

3. A good friendly attitude of park personnel with the public.

There have been several new developments at Oconee which have been very successful. We opened a new lake in the camping area that has been stocked with bream, bass and channel catfish. Six of our cabins have been renovated and equipped with electric heat for year round use. All of our cabins are now in great demand for weekend use. One of the most interesting and talked about spots has been the Trading Post with all the antiques hanging in it. Young and old have enjoyed looking, asking questions, and seeking a little of the past. An amphitheater is now in the process of being constructed.

Along with the increase in attendance, we have developed some problems that we are now working on. For example, we have outgrown our recreation building. When we started planned programs four years ago we would have 50-75 people in the building. We now have in excess of 500 on Friday nights when we have a square dance and the cloggers perform. Not only on square dance night, but talent night and usually a building completely full for the Sunday morning service.

In addition, with the camping area full, and the cabins full, we usually have about 600 people staying overnight in the park, thus causing a man to be on duty until about 2 a.m. most nights. This causes a revamping of hours and usually a need for some extra help.

Growing as fast as we are, we all can expect problems. The secret to a smooth operation, I believe, is how we cope

with these problems. I would like to say, that I believe the Park Superintendent is better off now than he has ever been. I have spent 12 years in the park service and I still love it. I don't see a letup in the development, nor a decrease in work, and I am sure this is what all of us want.

BOB COTHRAN, SUPERINTENDENT

PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

We had a lot of new construction at Paris Mountain this year. A 50 site camping area was constructed with individual electrical outlets, grills, water hookups, picnic tables, food chests and garbage cans. Twenty-five of these campsites are winterized. Two comfort stations were built in the campground. A picnic area was constructed with two shelters and 10 tables each. At this area a rest station, drinking fountain, charcoal grills, and Timberform equipment were also erected. We installed a wire fence and gates around the swimming area and the boat dock, and constructed a boat dock for the pedal and row boats. A lifeguard stand was placed at Camp Buckhorn. A storage building was built at Sulphur Springs for food and playgound equipment for the Camp Spearhead day camp. A new garbage dump was also located inside the park.

Our new camping area was opened for public use on March 20, 1972. Needless to say, for us here at Paris Mountain it was a wonderful addition. We never had a full night but by next season after the word is out that we have a camping area, I am sure we will. The local Ministerial Association held church services each Sunday during the summer.

Again, Camp Spearhead for retarded children used the park for 10 weeks. Lunch was served this year and I understand that breakfast as well as lunch will be served next year. This is a wonderful opportunity for these children, and I can't say enough for the Camp Director, Mr. Chuck Luttrell and his staff who make it so. Other day camps sponsored by the Girl Scouts and churches were also held during the summer.

Our recreation equipment was put to good use throughout the summer. Many organized groups checked out and used this equipment for their outings. A new basketball backstop and goal were erected at the play area. Two pieces of Timberform were erected in the new picnic area.

We had a good year on the waterfront with no major accidents. We had a real good lifeguard crew with very little turnover. Swimming classes were held from June through August for what I believe is the largest year we've ever had. Pedal boats are still very popular with very heavy useage on the weekends. Novelties went very well with our limited space and display. The throw away bathing suit went very well, as did the small rubber toys. I suggest children's sizes in the bathing suits and also post cards of the individual parks.

The addition of our new picnic shelters and picnic area were well received. Family reunions, company and church parties kept all of our shelters in use well into the winter. During the season and especially on weekends, most of the shelters are reserved twice a day. Special day use events included the annual "Crawdad 300" and a new race this year, the "Turtle 600." About 400 visitors attended this event. The Greenville Archers sponsord the Southeastern Safari, an archery shoot on the course at Paris Mountain. The second annual raft race was held in fine style this year, sponsored by Radio Station WHYZ.

Quite a few groups, as well as families or couples made use of the nature trail. The fall months, as usual, brought more people out to walk and to see the leaves. We have received quite

a few compliments on the self interpretive brochure. We plan to cut a new trail from the camping area to the bathhouse some time this fall.

We have a new garbage dump inside the park. This is another welcome addition, as we were having to haul garbage 16 miles per trip and that is a lot of miles, as well as man hours. Bobby Altman really dug a big hole in the mountain and it should last us a long time. We had a lot of gravel stock piled when our road was resurfaced. We spread this on the new road into the dump which will really help out in bad weather.

EDDIE MILLER, SUPERINTENDENT

PLEASANT RIDGE STATE PARK

The past year at Pleasant Ridge has been a good one. We have had several new facilities added to our park. One new facility is a 25 site camping area. It has been used a lot since it was completed in August. Another new facility is a picnic shelter. Along with the new shelter, 10 picnic grills were added.

We have had numerous activities this summer - swimming classes began with the opening of the lake. They were conducted for 9 weeks, with 142 people enrolled. Y.M.C.A. day camp began in June and lasted for 8 weeks. Two weeks of camp were held at Camp Enoree which is located adjacent to the park. Many church group outings, organization outings, class reunions and family reunions were held during the summer months in our park. Several Boy Scout troops and many families did primitive camping this summer. Although we do not have a developed nature trail, several hiking groups have had outings at Pleasant Ridge, especially since the leaves have been changing. Our recreational equipment - basketballs, softballs and equipment, horseshoes and table tennis were extensively used.

LEROY L. SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT

POINSETT STATE PARK

Information concerning park development prior to my arrival in May was obtained from park personnel here at the time, and it appears to have been a productive period.

Roofing of the old Superintendent's residence and the Overlook Shelter was completed. Also, a new water line was installed from the work shop water tank to the Superintendent's residence and a new entrance road was completed from the paved road to the Superintendent's residence.

Extensive remodeling of the Interpretive Center was accomplished. This included paneling in the display cases with plywood. Painting the paneling with assorted colors helped improve the atmosphere of the center. Mr. Papenfus added several drawings for display which proved to be a popular addition.

Major improvements in the day use area were completed. The Overlook Picnic Area was established and 19 grills were installed throughout the park.

Park personnel laid the water and sewage lines and poured the concrete road for the dumping station. The screens at the activity building were also repaired and replaced.

The office walls were sanded and varnished, and a complete new floor was installed in the lifeguard cabin bathrooms. Also, the annual task of dropping the lake and cleaning the spillways and swimming area was completed.

The boat dock was painted and the five pedal boats on hand were repaired during April. Also, Burnt Gin was put in line for the season. This included roofing one cabin, repairing screens, and replacing numerous rotten boards in the shower houses. However, general cleanup of the camp was the major task, as usual.

Preparation of Mill Creek Group Camp also began in April. The water tank was cleaned and the lines flushed with HTH. However, the project was delayed at this point as the old rod type pump finally gave out and had to be pulled with the able guidance and help of Mr. Keese, Mr. Kolb and Mr. Batten.

The first project accomplished after my arrival was the installation of a new submersible pump. Mr. Keese, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Batten and myself had the privilege of completing this task.

We then proceeded with the job of putting Mill Creek in line. Four cabins and a bathhouse were reroofed. A new door was built and installed on the water tower, and the lines again flushed with HTH for maximum protection of the water supply.

Preparation of the check room and dressing rooms were also tackled in May. This included a complete scrub down of all areas, renumbering and retagging baskets and painting benches and portions of the check room walls.

The season suddenly arrived, and with it, bigger crowds and increased revenue. However, the bad always comes with the good and the problems began.

In June a new drain field had to be laid at the mess hall at Burnt Gin in 100 degree weather. Also, the old foreman's residence was reroofed as a result of a pleasant visit by Mr. Sisk, along with a gentle hint that it sure needed it.

July was even hotter, but we continued to press on with our projects along with the normal, heavy summer workload. The park crew,along with two summer interns, poured a concrete walk to the Superintendent's residence. In between time we had to squeeze in a new drain field to the boy's shower house at Mill Creek.

July also saw Mr. Kolb sweating away while installing a 220 volt line in cabin number 5 (Ranger's residence). We really appreciated his help on this. After completion, the park crew installed a hot water line in the cabin for a washing machine hookup.

August really proved to be a busy month for the park crew. Mr. Turpin sent us two new pedal boats to meet the increased demands. This required remodeling the boat dock to make room for the boats.

We also took on a major task of cleaning and completing a loop turn-around and a parking area at the Overlook Picnic Grounds. After the park crew cut down the trees and cleaned out the brush, Mr. McCombs from Manchester State Forest loaned us his bulldozer and operator to clear the stumps and complete the initial grading.

From then on it was all park crew work in final grading and spreading the rocks. The trees cut down during cleaning operations were used to stake and mark off the parking area. All of the improvements are turning the Overlook Area into one of the most popular places for family picnics.

Another task was completed at the old Superintendent's residence in August. Approval was obtained to contract for a new 100 feet drain field. After this was completed, new plumbing was installed by park personnel.

Our summer recreation program proved to be one of the most popular ever. The kids really enjoyed the sack races, volley ball games, scavenger hunts, nature walks and greased pole climbing. However, the most popular program turned out to be the Saturday night dances in the family campgrounds. We

are really grateful to the Embers for providing such fine entertainment.

The season was finally over and we began our winter work program by replacing screens around the activity building in the campground. Eleven benches were then repaired or replaced in the swimming area to protect our visitors and keep them coming back.

The next project required ripping out the old French doors and walls on the Interpretive Center side of the bathhouse. This was replaced with boards and batten and has improved the appearance.

The work shop was our next area of operation. We scraped the outside walls and replaced rotten boards and batten. The building was then painted and peg boards built inside to protect our tools and equipment.

The park office was next. We built a desk along the wall facing the plate glass window. This should really assist in watching the swimming area while accomplishing all of the paperwork that goes with the summer operation. Ceiling tile was installed and flourescent lights were added. The floor was sanded and then adding the final touch, the floor, walls and desk were varnished.

Even with all the above, we still found time to rescreen cabins 4 and 5 and repair the screen doors at the old Superintendent's residence. Cables were also installed in the Overlook Area to prevent cars from driving into the picnic area.

October found us on top of the bathhouse roof. Along with all the blisters from tearing off the old roofing, we had to put up with some 80 to 90 degree weather (in October?).

Next comes the cabins with much needed repairing, window

scraping, screening and other odds and ends. We also will be busy in getting our fire breaks cleared and cut for the fire season.

Renovation of the Concession Stand has not been finalized at this writing, however, I am hoping that we can begin the work prior to the Superintendents' meeting. We also plan to complete the programmed extension and remodeling of the boat dock prior to the end of the year.

HORACE CRAIG, SUPERINTENDENT

RIVERS BRIDGE STATE PARK

This past year at Rivers Bridge we conducted swimming classes, ping pong tournaments, badminton contests, archery, body building courses, and basketball tournaments. We received five bicycles in July and they have been used quite extensively. The young visitors have certainly enjoyed the Timberform equipment also. All the park visitors seem to really enjoy the new rest station and new picnic area with grills, which are located near the swimming pool. We have also had a lot of fine comments on our new dumping station near the camping area.

JIM KING, SUPERINTENDENT

ROSE HILL STATE PARK

Activities have been few at Rose Hill this year. Various groups have attended Rose Hill, such as the Senior Citizens, garden clubs, school groups and Boy Scout Camporee. The Saddle Club has enjoyed the family picnics and trail rides. The biggest event of the year was the Christmas Open House, and we are hoping to have another one this year.

We have no new facilities, but we are remodeling the old kitchen building. Some changes are being made in the shop building and the white building behind the mansion.

FRED BELK, SUPERINTENDENT

SADLERS CREEK STATE PARK

Sadlers Creek had several outstanding additions in 1972. The largest addition to the park was the completion of the new bathhouse pavilion. This multiuse building has already proved its great worth to the park on completion of its first season.

A new picnic area has been developed adjacent to the pavilion. Two picnic shelters, a comfort station and Timber-form equipment are in this picnic area.

Although the new campground has not been completed, the dump station is operating and available for campers. During the summer months camping at Sadlers Creek is becoming a full time business with many being turned away.

For the first time in the history of the park, supervised swimming was available. Swimming classes for adults and children were held at various times and the response was tremendous!

Cycling also became an integral part of the park with the addition of five new bicycles.

Special activities were held on almost every weekend during the summer. Dances were held every Friday night. Several bands from the Anderson area performed for these dances. Various youth groups from the churches in the surrounding areas put on skits and programs on Saturday nights.

JOE L. HAMBRIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT

SANTEE STATE PARK

There have been quite a few improvements made at Santee State Park during the past year. One of the most important, I think, was the new Tackle Shop, located over the water at the boat ramp. This has increased our revenue tremendously. Other added improvements at the Tackle Shop was the installation of a gas pump to service boats in the water and two new floating docks for boats to tie up. In conjunction with the Tackle Shop was the completion of a small Rondette building to be used as fishing guide headquarters. This building is located near the Grill.

Eight new floating docks have been installed at the Rondettes out over the piers and this has proved to be quite popular for the fishermen who like to tie up their boats in front of their Rondettes.

The Village Round has had heavy use by large groups such as The U. S. Rubber Company, Fields Enterprises, Department of Mental Retardation, and various other State Agencies, some have rented from ten to twenty-five Rondettes on several occasions.

Garbage can racks have been installed in the 100 site camping area and this not only improved the looks of this area but eliminated turned over garbage cans and scattered litter. An amphitheater was completed in this area before the end of the summer, along with other types of recreational facilities. The recreation building in this area was used for organized youth group activities and also church services.

The new Trading Post was stocked with antique items relating to the past history of the Santee area, along with souveniers and food items.

An additional nature trail was completed by Bob Papenfus, which he named "Lake Shore Walking Trail" in recognition of the S. C. NCHA Fall rally.

The old, original camping area is now used for scouts, youth groups and camping clubs.

Parking lots were completed at the Trading Post, Pavilion, Grill and Tackle Shop.

Both dressing rooms were torn down at the old bathhouse and the center section was remodeled to make room for lifeguard quarters and a nature museum.

At the swimming lake docks were built for pedal boats and rental of these boats was great, especially on the weekends.

The new pavilion was in use for the first time this past season and this proved not only to be popular for the swimmers but also an occasional square dance.

We were fortunate this past summer to have had with us three missionary students who conducted church services at both camping areas on Sundays and on occasion a night program was held at the Recreation Center. This group was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Association.

We also had two college students who served as Naturalist and Recreator, but I was a little disappointed at the small turn out for the daily programs held during the week.

On September 15, 16 and 17, we were host to the South Carolina Chapter of the NCHA for their fall rally. The 100 site camping area was reserved for this group and after adding facilities for 100 extra units, everyone seemed happy with what we had to offer.

Since reservations were made available for camping clubs, we had our first on October 5 and 6. This was for the Starcraft Camper Club which is statewide and there was a total of eighty campers in this group.

The Grill had a real good season, and the Village Round has proved to be such a good facility that catering food to large groups is almost a weekly affair.

The Rondette office is still an information bureau, and at this time all Rondettes are now reserved for Thanksgiving.

Our winter work program is well under way and the new addition to the work shop and equipment shed should be completed within a week.

In summary, I would like to give my sincere thanks to all employees at Santee State Park, the Columbia office staff and others who so graciously gave of their skills enabling us to receive many favorable comments from our visitors during this past season.

TED BARBIE, JR., SUPERINTENDENT

SESQUICENTENNIAL STATE PARK

We have had a lot of new construction at Sesqui this year. A new picnic area was constructed, complete with two shelters and a comfort station, grills, tables, and underground electric service. In the old picnic area and day use area overhead electric cables were removed and placed underground. A basketball court was set up, and the nature center was painted and opened up for the summer. Two hundred additional feet of drain field was added to the comfort station in the picnic area. In the old campground the electric cables were run underground to the bathhouses, and heaters were installed, much to the camper's delight. We constructed new signs for the Log House and the entrance to the campground. On the nature trails, 120 feet of duck-board walks were constructed, as well as new trail markers. A new boat dock for the Dream Boats was built on the waterfront. At the swimming area, new lifeguard stands, and ropes and bouys were installed. At the Superintendent's residence we covered over the porch and installed rain gutters. The Ranger's residence was remodeled this year. We constructed and/or installed new counters and cabinets, sinks, light fixtures, ceiling tile, and floor and wall paneling. The electric service was also improved with the addition of a new breaker box and wiring.

Numerous things were accomplished under the maintenance program this year. We reroofed the bathhouse, concession stand, picnic shelter, comfort station and the Assistant Superintendent's residence. We painted the comfort station in the old campground and in the picnic area, shelter number 2, interior of the Assistant Superintendent's residence, picnic tables in the old campground, and signs throughout the park. New carpet was put

down on the carpet golf course. We dug up and repaired the drain field line in the picnic area, and repaired a broken water line at the new campground. We made repairs to the Dream Boats and new seats from auto upholstery material. The fabric seems far superior to the material used in the past. We repaired damage to the Assistant Superintendent's residence caused by a falling tree limb. The roof and electric meter base were damaged. We performed general maintenance on our vehicles as well as replacing several mufflers and a carburetor. Routine maintenance proceeded as usual; roads were scraped, firebreaks plowed, and dead trees were removed.

Vegetation in the lake is increasing. We will need to initiate some kind of control measures soon. Also, we need to lower the water level to make repairs required on the piers and along the beach front.

All in all we had a very successful season at Sesqui.

JAMES M. MEADORS, SUPERINTENDENT

TABLE ROCK STATE PARK

The summer at Table Rock was most rewarding and the park was heavily used and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The summer programs were well organized and supervised by Recreator Bill Durham and Naturalist Bill Leach. Saturday nights at Table Rock were very exciting. A square dance was held every Saturday night with a live band and close to 100 people in attendance at each dance. The nature trails were kept in good order by both the Naturalist and Recreator. Very few people were lost on the mountain this summer. Swimming, putt putt and boats were as popular as ever. My thanks to all those involved with the activities. The Country Store and newly remodeled concession stand also proved to be a popular stopping place. The new camping area was well used with a capacity crowd nearly every weekend.

Now that summer has ended we have started on our winter work program. Some of the cabins, bathhouse and shelters are to be remodeled. Some of the cabins are getting ceramic tile in the showers and in some kitchens, the floors are getting quarry tile. Electric heat will be installed in the three remaining unheated cabins. We have completed the lumber shed that was built from some of the Beetle infested timber cut out of Table Rock and Keowee Toxaway Parks. The remaining timber will be placed in the shed for various projects.

The park staff congratulates Joe Hambright who was promoted to the Superintendent of Sadlers Creek State Park. We welcome Assistant Superintendent Don Elliott and his family who came from Paris Mountain.

MIKE HENDRIX, SUPERINTENDENT